

Unfortunately, the devastating Red River flood in 1997 caused significant damage in Grand Forks. The bank building stood in 4 feet of floodwater while sustaining significant fire damage to its upper stories. Extensive rehabilitation has restored its beauty and function. Edgewood Real Estate Investment Trust and Edgewood Management Group purchased the building in 2012, and it is now the corporate office for Edgewood, which owns and operates more than 50 senior living communities and multifamily housing units across seven States.

Downtown Grand Forks has redefined itself from its banking and retail heyday; its historic structures are now home to office and residential spaces, entertainment venues, and boutique retail. The Edgewood Corporate Plaza Building stands as a tribute to the city's history and a cornerstone for the bright future ahead.●

REMEMBERING WILLIAM H. SAMPSEL

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I wish to honor William H. Sampsel, a veteran of World War II.

On behalf of all Montanans and all Americans, I stand to say thank you to William for his service to our Nation. It is my honor to share the story of William's life and service—a story that most certainly won't be forgotten and a story he perhaps wouldn't have told himself.

William, an extremely humble man, never asked to be placed on a pedestal; in fact it was his quiet service that is the landmark of his story.

William was born in the midst of the Great Depression in January of 1925. His parents William H. and Marguerite Brennan Sampsel lived in Shenandoah, PA, at the time. His father, William H., was a meter reader with the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company and would later become a district manager. His mother, Marguerite, cared for five children.

From a young age, William developed a strong work ethic that would serve him well throughout his life. He started his first job at the age of 14, clearing forest land by hand, earning a modest wage of \$1 a day. By the time he was off to college, he quadrupled his wage to \$4 a day.

William's high school football coach, Al "Ali Baba" Barbartsky, a teammate of Vince Lombardi, helped make it possible for William to attend the University of Illinois on a football scholarship. Although William was a 180-pound guard for U of I's football team, his true love was baseball.

In 1943, William enlisted in the Army and was assigned to Fort Benning, GA, for basic training. The following year, he was sent to an infantry division at Camp McCain, MS. Shortly following, he was transferred to the 319th Combat Engineer Battalion, where he deployed to France in August of 1944 as an Army engineer.

While in France on orders to contain a pocket of German soldiers in Lorient and St. Nazaire, he was wounded in battle. Toward the end of the war, he was promoted to second lieutenant and received a Purple Heart medal.

Now, William never told his family about receiving a Purple Heart for his service. They found out after noticing his name on the Montana Purple Heart Memorial wall in Billings. But when asked about his prestigious award, he humbly described the incident as "just a little shrapnel".

But this only speaks true to the man he was.

After his service in the Army was up, William attended Penn State University and graduated in 1949 with a degree in geology. He then was hired at Amerada Petroleum Co.—now known as Hess—in Tyler, TX.

There he met his wife Christine Wallis, and they were married in May of 1952. William and Christine moved to Regina, SK, Calgary, AB; and ultimately settled in Billings, MT, in 1961. William and Christine had two children—daughter, Priscilla, who now lives in Laurel, and son, Michael William Sampsel, who lives in Tucson, Arizona.

Outside of his accomplishments as a geologist, William loved to fish and is remembered for his love of the outdoors.

William died on July 19, 2012.

William always gave all he had to give, whether it was his knowledge, military service, or help to others in need. His life story is reflective of the dedicated, hard-working, and generous man folks knew.

It is my honor to recognize William H. Sampsel's bravery and service to the United States by presenting his family with his Purple Heart, in addition to a Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze service stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp, Honorable Service Lapel Button WW II, and a sharpshooter badge and rifle bar.

Our Nation is grateful for William's service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, a treaty, and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 2, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1624. An act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3457. An act to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, October 5, 2015, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) of the House:

H.R. 1624. An act to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to revise the definition of small employer.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3457. An act to prohibit the lifting of sanctions on Iran until the Government of Iran pays the judgments against it for acts of terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2129. A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Energy and Water Development, and Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

S. 2130. A bill making appropriations for Department of Defense, energy and water development, Department of Homeland Security, military construction, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

S. 2131. A bill making appropriations for Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies and Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.